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TORONTO Globe: "Mowat is always a
winner, and his hour has again come."BISMARCK used to say he was a man of
"blood and iron." Young Emperor
William changes the phrase, and arrogates
to himself the title of a man of "rock and
iron." On this continent, we may fairly
claim the possession of a few rock and iron
men.The Colours Sentinel-Star (Tory) pitches
into the Mowat Government for not giving
the Catholics of the Province offices in pro-
portion to their numbers. It is apparent
that the Colours advocate of Mr. Mer-
edith's cause still puts faith in its
leader's "Facts for the Irish Electors,"
though, for the purposes of the present
campaign, the latter is anxious to have that
document kept in the back-ground.The Hamilton Spectator vouches for Mr.
Stinson, the Tory candidate in that city,
that he is not an office-seeker, but a man of
independent means, who will therefore "be
true to his constituents" if he is sent to the
Legislature. This assertion is a trifle rough
on Hamilton's ex-representatives in the Do-
minion Parliament, who were both office-
seekers long before their term at Ottawa ex-
pired, and it is equally severe on Messrs.
Brown and McKay, both of whom are now
ready to accept of offices, and will accept
them when the present Parliament is dis-
solved, if not before.CHANCELLOR BURWASH, of Victoria
University, and Vice-Chancellor Wm.
Kerr, Q.C., were among the participants in
the great mass meeting at Colours on
Saturday, when Hon. A. S. Hardy, Com-
missioner of Crown Lands, was the prin-
cipal speaker. The last-named
moved, and Mayor Clarke seconded, a vote
of thanks to the Minister. The Vice-
Chancellor expressed the hope that the
Province would bury election creed ories,
so pernicious in the will of the people, so that
they would never be resurrected. He pointed
out that the Province would be doing itself
honor if it returned to the Hon. Oliver
Mowat the reins he had held so well for
eighteen years—a sentiment that was re-
ceived with loud cheers.A NOTABLE example for well-to-do
parents has been set by Aurelio Saffi,
Mazini, old condottiero in resuscitating
Italy, who has just died in Rome. He left
his small property to several public so-
cieties, to the detriment of his children, on
the ground that he considered it their
patriotic duty to work for their own living,
just as he had done, the requirements of his
career never having allowed him to ac-
cumulate money. Far more young men
are wrecked in life by undue parental
coddling than by being compelled to make
their own way in the world. Money is a
good friend, but too many parents who have
themselves conquered adverse circumstances
and risen to comparative affluence by sturdy
perseverance take it for granted that it is
better their children should be pampered
than placed on their own resources. In
nine cases out of ten failure is the result.THE ENEMY'S TACTICS.
So afraid are the Tory managers of losing
East Middlesex that they are impressing
every available talker into the riding to
speak in favor of Mr. Tooley, to misrep-
resent the Mowat Government, and to make
unfounded assertions about the candi-
date of Mr. T. H. Purdon, the Liberal
nominee.At Dracary's Corners, on Friday night,
one of the speakers was Mr. Ed. Meredith,
a brother of the Tory leader, who, among
other extraordinary statements, told the
audience that "the Mowat Government got
into power simply through the iniquitous
gerrymander." Edmund must have been
thinking about the Macdonald Government
at Ottawa. Mr. Mowat's Administration is
a product of the will of the people; the
Macdonald Government, which he and his
brother, have always warmly supported,
could not exist to-day but for the carving
up of the constituencies. Take, for ex-
ample, North Brant, which extends from
the western limits of the city of Hamilton
to the center of Oxford county, and em-
braces townships in no fewer than three
constituencies. Take this same county of
Middlesex, in which Sir John Macdonald
chuckingly asserted that he had "lived the
Grits." To that outrage the local Tory
leaders were a party. They cared not for
fair play; all that they wanted was to pre-
vent the "Grits" from being properly
represented, in so far as "hiving" could
effect it. With such a record confronting
them, Mr. Meredith and every other Tory
talker should be ashamed to say a word on
the subject of gerrymandering.Then there is Mr. Tooley. He poses as a
guileless old man, who does not know
enough to do any harm. That he has done
nothing in the Legislature for his constitu-
ents, except to bring reflections on them for
sending him there, every independent ob-
server in the Legislature must admit. But
Mr. Tooley might be above merely insinua-ting that Mr. Purdon is not the candi-
date of the Liberals of East Middlesex.
He tries, with but poor success, to know,
but still he tries to make the few Liberals
who attend his meetings believe that their
candidate has not the endorsement of the
party whose principles he represents. The
assertion is as ill-founded as are the ma-
jority of Mr. Tooley's statements in regard
to Mr. Purdon and his platform. Mr.
Purdon, we need scarcely tell readers of the
ADVERTISER, was unanimously chosen
Liberal candidate for the riding by the
regularly-held Liberal Convention. One
member of that convention objecting to the
action, a mass meeting of the electors of
the riding was held, and Mr. Purdon's
candidature was endorsed unanimously for
the second time. Could greater unanimity
than that be desired? The Tory candidate
must take the electors of the East Riding
for a set of gudgeons if he believes that he
can foment dissension among the Liberals
by circulating lying stories about Mr.
Purdon. His doing so betokens that he is
losing his grip on the constituency.

LIFE AND PROPERTY.

An important change in the English
criminal law has been decided on by the
British Government, and the result is the
introduction into the Imperial Parliament
of a bill for the establishment of a Court
of Criminal Appeal. The present Court
of Crown cases reserved is to be abolished,
and provision is made to appeal questions
of law to the House of Lords. As the law
now stands, the smallest case in ordinary
civil law can be carried to the highest
tribunal on matters of fact or of law, but
when a person is sentenced to be hanged
his appeal can only come before the Home
Secretary, except in those few cases where
the appeal may come within the provisions
of the rules of Crown cases reserved. Under
the new law the question of a man's life
will be put on the same footing and re-
ceive the same consideration from the
courts as is extended to the infringement of
rights of property.The reform has not come any too soon.
Most unsatisfactory has been the experi-
ence of referring the appeals regarding
capital punishment to the Home Secretary.
In two recent cases, in which Home Sec-
retary Macdougall has been called to act the
Secretary from the public has been most
marked. The disposal of the Maybrick
case caused a sensation, but it was nothing
compared with the reception given by the
public to the verdict of Mr. Matthews
in the Davies brothers' case. It will
be recollected that in the last named case,
two brothers, both under 21 years of age,
were sentenced to be hanged for the murder
of their father, who had treated both them
and their mother in a most brutal manner.
The jury recommended the culprits to
mercy, but the Home Secretary only saw
fit to save the life of one of them. As the
public had made up their minds that both
were equally guilty, and that the crime,
under the circumstances, was not of the
worst character, the action of the
Minister gave rise to widespread
discontent. It does seem fair that
the Home Secretary should be relieved
of the unpleasant duty of reviewing the
evidence in capital cases, and relieving or
confirming the sentence. He may be sub-
jected to pressure of a sort that is hard
to understand, especially if he is of a pliable
or sentimental disposition, and it is proper
that but one consideration—that of justice
—should actuate those charged with the
duty. There can be no doubt that the pub-
lic clamor has compelled the British Gov-
ernment to propose the new departure. It
would not surprise us if the Do-
minion Government follows suit, and
determines to throw the onus of
interfering with decisions in cases of capital
punishment upon the Supreme Court of
Canada. The present system of making the
Minister of Justice the only agency to
which appeal can be made in regard to the
death penalty has many disadvantages.

ONTARIO'S RAILWAY POLICY.

Previous to 1872 there were no railways
in Western Ontario throughout that exten-
sive area of fine agricultural land west of
the Northern and north of the Grand
Trunk and Buffalo and Lake Huron railway.
In those days farmers had to draw their
grain in wagons or sleighs in many cases a
distance of 40, 50 and even 60 miles to the
nearest market on the railway or to some
port on Georgian Bay or Lake Huron, often
over roads so heavy that not more than half
an ordinary load could be ventured upon. And
so when cattle, sheep or pigs were disposed
of to some circuit riding drover, they had to
be driven long distances on foot—to Lon-
don, Hamilton or Toronto, or perhaps to
some local market which half a dozen ani-
mals might glut. Precious few cattle,
sheep or hogs in the area referred to
ever reached United States markets
in those days, and of course their
export to English markets was wholly out
of the question. There was no conveyance
for man or beast as is available at the
present day to the settlers of every town-
ship. If a merchant bought a stock of goods
in London, Hamilton or Toronto he had to
take his own or a hired team along to cart
it home, and journeys of any kind had to be
made on foot, in private conveyances or on
the rough old stage coach. There were not
a dozen incorporated towns and villages in
the whole tract, and their total population
did not exceed 17,000 souls. It was a
country of pioneers, in which the con-
veniences and advantages of modern civil-
ized life were almost unknown. To-day
that country is a network of every town-
ship, thriving towns have sprung
up, local markets have been estab-
lished, rapid transit for freight and
passengers has been secured, and the whole
face of the country has been changed. How
has this been brought about? Simply by
the liberal railway policy of the Ontario
Government. And what is true of the
section we have specified is also true of the
whole Province, for under that policy some
3,000 miles of railway have been con-
structed and are now in operation, ex-
clusive of the Canadian Pacific main line
and its Sault Ste. Marie branch. In 1872
we had in the Province 406 townships and
122 city, town and village municipalities;
and in 1889 we had 469 townships and 207cities, towns and villages—being a gain of
63 of the former and 85 of the latter. In
1872 our total rural population, as taken
by assessors, was 1,047,931, and our
urban 374,854. In 1889 it was
1,132,653 rural and 779,754 urban—
showing a gain in the former of 84,722 and
in the latter of 404,900. This is a result
almost wholly of the Ontario Government's
railway policy, and it is not to be doubted
that it would have been a great deal more
satisfactory but for the oppressive and re-
pressive policy brought into operation at
Ottawa eleven years ago. How great a boon
has thus been conferred upon the people, no
one can realize except by carrying himself
back in imagination to the state of the
country eighteen years ago, in the portions
of it without more prosperous by many
try is richer and more prosperous by many
millions of dollars now, and were the Ot-
tawa Incubus thrown off, there would be no
happier or more contented or more progres-
sive people on the face of the earth than
citizens of Ontario. Indeed, it may be said
that but for the measures taken by the Gov-
ernment of Ontario, in the face of Ottawa em-
anation of Ontario, the situation would be
administration, the situation would be
will begin at Ottawa in the near future,
and Ontario means to sustain the capable
Government of Mr. Mowat by an over-
whelming vote on June 5.

May Sleep Easily.

(St. Thomas Journal.)
The recent modification of the separate
school law are in substance what our platform
demands—(Rev. Dr. Caven.)
The leader of the Equal Rights move-
ment in these words has acknowledged a
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has felt ill at ease on account of the Mowat
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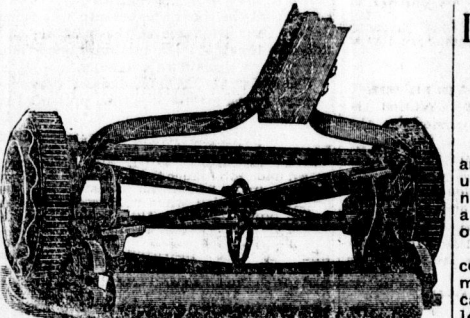
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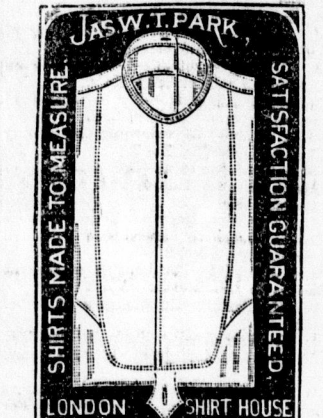
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